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I Love Monterey Day, Number Two

In its second year of existence I Love Monterey Day is already fraught with trademarks: Arnie Hayes in tri-cornered hat, Wallace Tryon with fringed knees, Nina Tryon in Antique taffeta, the Fire Department in mufti, and the Band, the Band in Glory. This year there was a string section, an expanded wind section, and a mini-concert at the finale. Previous to the first drumbeat a few fortunate passers-by were privy to a surrealistic vision: Lennie Weber walking determinedly down Route 23 toward the Parade's Assembly point bearing behind him and aloft the fuscia "I Love Monterey" heart and looking for all the world like an illustration from David Larkin's Faeries.

As for displays, there were under a prudent tent the Stone Mt. Workshop's pottery and weaving, an exhibit of handmade quilts by Laurel Vogel, a wind chime and herb booth by Weeds of Worth, a wild mushroom information booth personed by Alice Somers, a table of this year's T-shirts, and an exhibition of Peggy Small's batiks. Outside there were pony rides, David McAllester's TiPi emanating drumbeats, Milly's health food concession and the firemen's sturdy hot dog stand, Lennie Weber now in tasselled hat doing portraits, Pat Andrus with a display of paintings, Rawson Brook Farm exhibiying goat milking and verdurous lettuce, and Peter Murkett demonstrating furniture making from ash log to steamed bentwood. Ric Friedman and Sylvia Brallier, dressed as fantastical clowns, provided a range of entertainments from mimetic dance to improvisational jazz throughout the day. In the afternoon they acted as Greek chorus to a children's play written by Penelope Hellman.

There was a puppet show in the church social room, a program of American Indian songs in Bidwell Park, and a Forum on Communities which got cancelled because everybody was across the street at the General Store, listening to an ensemble play luncheon music on piano, banjo and trumpet, and generally being communital. As the day drew to a close, Paul Zerra and Rose Anne Marie read a humorous children's story about a pet crocadile written by Mickey Friedman followed by Marjorie Janes who read poetry from her book, Berkshire Settler, to a small crowd of admirers. A smattering of people attended the Community Picnic as clouds gathered (yet another ILMD trademark), and a good crowd assembled for the Sing Along led by Sharon Steinberg. The rain began just as the singers wound up the songfest in a big circle with a last chorus of "Amazing Grace." Those who stayed late at the Contra Dande under the big tent were privileged to watch both accomplished and amateur dancers do turns on the asphalt while toddlers Myra Raney and Lewis Woods ran back and forth through an oblong rain puddle in contrapuntal abandon. What better ways to celebrate community?

Margaret White Honored by Monterey Democratic Party

Margaret White was honored on the evening of June 24 by a recitation by Richard Dyer-Bennet and an address by the Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill III, Lieutenant Governor of Mass. The affair was held at the home of Anne-Marie and John O'Connor and was sponsored by the Monterey Democratic Town Committee.

A large crowd gathered to pay tribute to Margaret, whose husband, Fred, founded the Democratic Party in Monterey. Fred Lancome, retiring Chairman of the Committee, spoke to the assemblage of Margaret's political concerns and her energy for implementing them. It was explained that, just as Margaret's concerns reach beyond the community level, broader recognition than that of the town might rightly be enticipated. Recognition for Margaret's "dedicated service to Monterey" came in letters from the State House of Representatives and Senator Paul Tsongas. Judge Bob Donelan, who had succeeded Fred White as Chairman of the Monterey Democrats, attended the gathering.

Richard Dyer-Bennet recited an account from Homer's Odyssey of the return of Odysseus and of his prompt and bloody dispatch of Penelope's suitors. Spears unhinged jaws, blood drenched table tops, and a baby cried on the floor of the O'

Connor's lake house while a mist hung above the water outside. Fred Lancome, whose wit is the modern equivalent of Odysseus' spear, returned to the podium to take some nips at the present governor of Massachusetts and to introduce Thomas O'Neill.

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Margaret White Continued

O'Neill spoke of the difficulties confronting the Party in 1980. The moon rose in a mist over the lake. People asked questions about school costs, nuclear power, and young people in government. Margaret White raised her hand and asked in the clear and uncomplicated manner which has proved so effective in her letters to various newspaper editors over the years, whether we should "send our boys and girls overseas" to fight for foreign oil. The issues proved too formidable for the occasion. Everyone went upstairs for a lavish array of food and drink and soon after that, group by group, dispersed themselves into the summer night.

Energy Project Auction Sale

The Energy Project in Monterey is proceeding with full energy toward its auction sale on Saturday, July 26 at 9:30 A.M. in Greene Park. All citizens in Monterey are being asked to sort through garage, attic, store-room and ask what can I contribute to help Monterey's study of energy go forward.

The sale will be under the firemen's big tent. Cheryl Hutto is the auctioneer. You are invited to bring things to sell and to come yourself to pick up some of the bargains your neighbors will bring for sale.

Items can be left at Walsh's Service Station or call 528-4257. To reach the $5,000 goal of the Energy Project, word of mouth publicity, contributions and solicitation of contributions are needed.

Fireman's Steak Dinner

The date is Saturday, July 26 and the event is the Fireman's Steak Dinner. Many preparations are already under way. Tickets have been sold throughout the community. A tent is being set up. Work crews to feed the hungry citizens of Monterey are organized.

The hot-dog stand will start serving at 11AM in order to accomadate people attending the Energy Project Auction. The steak dinner will be served at 4 P.M. and continue through 7:00.

In the evening activities will continue with a band playing for the enjoyment and dancing of the community. If you didn't get your ticket for the steak dinner, it is possible that there may still be a place for you. Call Ray Tryon at 528-2583.

Community Supper

The Community Supper will be held in the Church basement on July 30 at 6:30 PM. Bring your own place setting and a salad, main dish or dessert. The program will include music and a sing-a-long with Arnie Hayes on the piano.

Morning Meditation and Prayer

Every Thursday morning people gather in the Church basement from 7:30 to 8:00 AM to meditate and pray together. Please join us.

STATEMENT ON POLICY OF MONTEREY NEWS

The Monterey News is a paper for the larger and extended Monterey Community. It was begun as a community paper and has been so from the beginning. For the first year of its existence it was funded by the Monterey Church, but it has not had such funding since that first year. Editorially the Monterey News is responsive to the entire community. Wherin viewpoints are expressed which may reflect a position of the Monterey United Church of Christ that happens only incidentally in that the church is a part of the larger community. When, as minister of the Monterey Church I write articles for the Monterey News they are addressed to the diverse population the Monterey News serves. They are written with this larger population in mind. They are not intended to speak for or to the Monterey Church. Since this is a line of demarkation that could be confusing it seems important to make as clear a statement of this positioning as possible.

Virgil V. Brallier
Managing Editor

Notes From The Board Of Assessors

In compliance with the state mandate to maintain "Full and Fair Cash Value" the Board of Assessors has increased the value of all land by 25% and all buildings by 15%. The total Real Estate valuation of Monterey will then be close to $31,500,000. These new values will be applied to the forthcoming tax bills for Fiscal Year 1981 (7/1/80-6/30/81) The Board wishes to point out that in addition to the much heralded increase in state aid to Monterey, there was an unheralded increase in state and county assessments of over $14,000. The end result was that Monterey lost more than it received. Appropriations to be taken from the tax levy have increased by over $100,000 in comparison to last year's totals. The increase of the school budget will account for an increase of more than $1.10 in the tax rate. The new Town equipment (fire truck

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(The Monterey News presents a guest article this month. It is written by Ruth Burkholder, a part of a Christian Covenant Fellowship in the area. She states that she wrote because of "having a concern about the relationship of the Church to new 'spiritual' groups that have been emerging in Monterey")

THERE IS YES AND THERE IS NO

I am glad to be part of a community that is actively seeking ways of becoming a better community. Part of what makes Monterey unique is the large variety of people and the freedom we have to share that uniqueness with each other.

I would like to address the issue of, "Where is the Monterey Church headed?" We have been hearing a lot about this in the past year from a number of sources, including the Monterey News - There is a growing religious hunger - There is an excitement and a feeling of entering a "New Age".

Are we entering a new age? These new shoots we claim as heralds of a new enlightenment remind me of the dead chestnut trees here on the farm. New shoots do keep coming up but they are still part of the old stump. What we have is a new name for old ideas. History pretty much repeats itself. Man is always coming up with new religious ideas. It is part of our human dilemma of needing to "be as gods".

Let's look for a moment at the earth centeredness of many of the "New Age" religions. A lot about this is good but it certainly isn't new. The old Celtic religion has many similarities. And animism (which is filled with "earth centeredness") is as old as man. I agree with the idea of being more intune with the earth. The earth is a gift from God that we have misused. To be so cut off from this gift by selfishness and materialism that we destroy it is a sin. But what happens is that, without a Biblical base, we move so easily from an intuneness to the earth to a worship of it. The danger I see to the Christian church in any community in this "New Age" animism is that the earth, rather than God, becomes the center of our celebration. And we become like the people spoken of in Romans 1:25 "Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator..."

And this brings us to another question. Spiritually are there basics? Is there truth? If the Monterey Church (or any church) calls itself Christian does that necessitate any boundaries? Even though the word "truth" is being deleted from man's vocabulary because of Hegel's relativistic base upon which much of the world operates, try to imagine what truth might mean. Meg Greenfield in Newsweek spoke to this issue. "Uncosmopolitian as it may be to say so, there is better and there is worse, there is yes and there is no, and all truth does not lie in between." If we could believe there is spiritual truth and if we could believe that God is the base of Christian truth then we had better take a fresh look at the Biblical concept of truth. The editor of Spiritual Counterfiets writes,"Our opinions (about truth) have value and power only if they are in accord with the opinions of God. God does have opinions!.. It may come as a shock to think of it in those terms, but that is the bottom line of any biblically-based view of reality. Anyone who doubts this should reread the ten commandments (Exodus 20:1-17), in which God's opinions about the human condition are definitively expressed. It is in the nature of opinions that accepting one possibility means rejecting some others.

We are well aware that many people are engaged in a sincere pursuit of the 'divine within', believing that they possess an inherent divinity that is common to all of creation. It is becoming obvious that people are under the impression that they are entitled to believe whatever they want about 'Ultimate Reality' as long as they are sincere and mind their own business. Unfortunately, we don't think it's that simple. Sincerity is not synonymous with truth.

Indeed, Jesus himself makes the same point in a variety of ways. The 'great lesson' that Jesus revealed in his life - and by his death - is forgiveness. But forgiveness is not the same as a bland and universal toleration. To forgive means there is a wrong to be forgiven. Forgiveness would be impossible without some measure for distinguishing wrong from right. And this brings us back to the perennial conflict of God's truth with the error which divorces us from God. Life in this world is not all right. On the contrary, it is, for the most part, radically wrong. If we do not begin with knowledge that the world is abnormal, we will understand nothing. Evil, exploitation, and deception are realities; suffering is universal. It is noteworthy that the Bible never says that the human race is basically good; instead Scripture is insistent that we are fallen and alienated from God.

This situation can be made right only by the forgiveness and redemption available through Jesus Christ. He is the unique Son of the Living God through whom alone it is possible to know God. This has been the historic and consistent position of the true Christian church for 2,000 years.

We keep hearing that part of what makes our church new and exciting is the fact that we are Christian while also being very inclusive. How much inclusiveness can truth take without losing its truthfullness? There is a certain exclusiveness within the Christian church which we can't avoid. Christians were killed in Rome not because they were Christians but because they claimed that Christ was the only way to God. If someone can't buy that I don't mind him saying so but then let him be willing to drop the name Christian. What a travesty for us to celebrate the death and

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resurrection of Christ and than turn and say, "But it really wasn't needed."

The Christian message is one of tremendous love but, also, one of definite concepts of truth. To tack the name Christ on to any church or group as a "nice apendage" is not being true to the Christian concept of truth. To call Christ only a "good teacher", a "prophet", or a "light" is not being realistic about the God of the Old and New Testament.

We do need to keep open to new ideas and new people. There is no virtue in rigidness. But that doesn't mean a sentimental inclusiveness that makes us all one no matter what we believe. Christianity does have a base. The Judeo-Christian story of a Messiah-Redeemer must either be accepted or rejected. "There is yes and there is no, and all truth does not lie in between."

Ruth S. Burkholder

THE MONTEREY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

With many new people coming to live and work in Monterey, the question is being asked, "What is the basis of the faith and practice of the Monterey United Church of Christ?"

The basis is Biblical and the Church has adopted the following statement of faith, purpose, and practice:

> "We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, goodness, and love, and in Jesus Christ, his Son, our Lord and Savior, who for us and our salvation lived and died and rose again and liveth evermore, and in the Holy Spirit, who taketh of the things of Christ and revealeth them to us, renewing, comforting, and inspiring the souls of men.
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> "We are united in striving to know the will of God as taught in the holy Scriptures, and in our purpose to walk in the ways of the Lord, made known or to be made known to us.
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> "We hold it to be the mission of the Church of Christ to proclaim the gospel to all mankind, exalting the worship of the one true God, and laboring for the progress of knowledge, the promotion of justice, the reign of peace, and the realization of human brotherhood.
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> "Depending, as did our fathers, upon the continued guidance of the Holy Spirit to lead us into all truth, we work and pray for the transformation of the world into the kingdom of God, and we look with faith for the triumph of righteousness, and the life everlasting."

In the tradition of the Congregational Christian Churches, which is the heritage of this Church, such a statement is not a creed or a test of faith, but a witness and a testimony to our faith and purpose, and a basis for covenanting together to be a Local Church, one congregation of the Body of Christ to do his work in this community, this nation, this world.

This Church welcomes with love and joy, and without theological test of faith, all who wish to worship with us and work with us in service to human needs.

Persons who, in terms of the Statement of Faith, publicly covenant to be the Church, and make commitment to our common purpose and tasks of ministry and service, are admitted to covenant membership with the right to speak, to vote, to hold office, and to represent the Church in denominational and ecumenical bodies.

This Church holds standing in the United Church of Christ, but as a Local Church it is autonomous, with its government vested in its Covenant Members, and it seeks fellowship and co-operation in work and worship with all Christians everywhere.

W. Raymond Ward, Trustee
Member of the Parish Council

Hummingbird at My Window

Wee hummingbird outside my window
Poised in mid air like a helicopter,
Your tiny wings seem to whirl like a propeller;
So fast they go to hold you there, suspended,
As you probe into each blossom for sweet nectar.
Sometimes you leave the flowers and face my window.
Do you see me there or is it your reflection?
So short a time you linger, then off you dart
More quickly than you came
As my eyes try in vain to follow
Hoping you will lead me to your nest
In only seconds you have vanished
And left me standing at my window
Eagerly watching for you to return.

Eleanor Kimberley

Ginna Toohey, who has been on Gould Farm's staff since 1975, has announced that she will be married in September to Robert Ensign of Monterey. Bob is the owner of the Brookbend Apartments. While the couple will live at Brookbend, Mrs. Toohey will continue to work at Gould Farm.

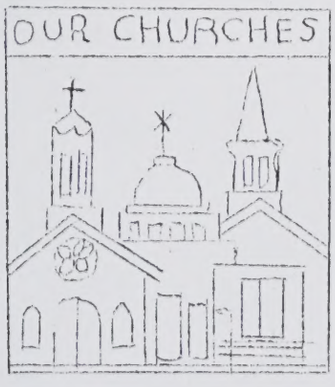
A regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the Farm June 21st. The Rev. Dr. Paul Kennedy presided. Opening devotions were led by Dr. Jessie Danielsen. The report of the executive director was given verbally by Kent Smith who spoke first of his sense of personal loss with the death of Robert K. Wheeler. Mr. Smith then referred to his long association with Edward Dunlop, who is retiring as treasurer, but who will continue to serve as associate director. For the past six months or more he has been training Virgil Stucker for the post of treasurer. Mr. Smith reported that Virgil is studying at the University of Mass. in Pittsfield for his master's degree in business administration. The final mention was of Bill Kerwin, who has returned with his family, after an absence of five years, to live and work at the Farm. He will work in publicity and fund raising, an area that has not been fully covered in several years. Mr. Smith went on to sketch what he called his "dream for Gould Farm's future. He included a hope of renting one or more apartments in the Boston area, each with staff leadership, to provide further independence for guests who have been at the Farm and at Farrington House. A more central location would eliminate the need for staff transportation of guests to work, now a time consuming part of the job at Farrington.

Mrs. Sally Kelly, as chairman, gave the report of the nominating committee and conducted the election of a director to fill out Mr. Wheeler's unexpired term and of a treasurer to replace Mr. Dunlop. John Downie, president of Wheeler and Taylor and long associated with the Farm as a business advisor, was elected director. Virgil Stucker was elected treasurer, effective immediately. Mr. Stucker then presented the treasurer's report.

The report of the executive committee, which had met the preceding evening, was presented by the chairman, Bill Pearl. Ken Gleason's report on the completion of 80% of the recommendations of the fire prevention expert was studied. Mr. Gleason writes that the balance will be done by September. The Board voted to secure up-to-date bids on a possible sprinkler system for the main house.

Elizabeth Quincy came to Gould Farm July 5 from her home in Schenectady. She learned of it through her brother, who had been here. Her plan is to stay about a year. Elizabeth graduated from Emerson College, where she majored in Human Services and in dance.

The Rev. Richard Lindgren, pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Woburn, Mass. has brought seven high school students to the Farm for ten days. This is the eleventh consecutive summer that Mr. Lindgren has held a work camp of this kind here. One boy is here for his third year. Two others came last year, too. They are all busy painting houses, weeding the garden and working with the animals. On July 13, they will conduct the Sunday evening service. The young people enjoy meeting the Farm guests, playing ping-pong and pool, swimming and talking over the evening fires at the Lodge.



CATHOLIC CHURCHES

Masses Schedule Our Lady of the Hills, Sat. 7 PM Our Lady of the Valley, Sheffield, Saturday, 5:30 PM; Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM. Immaculate Conception, Mill River, Sunday 10:00 AM.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Morning Worship Each Sunday 10:30 AM

Inquirer's Class A class to prepare those who wish to consider becoming members of the church is meeting each Monday at 7:30 PM in the parsonage. Several sessions have met but those who desire are still invited to join.

Financial Campaign The Finance Committee is beginning work on preparing for the annual financial canvass in the summer. Before long members and friends of the church will be receiving information concerning next year's budget and the appeal for financial commitment for the coming year.

Book Racks and Communion Cup Holders Work is now progressing on the installation of hymn book racks and communion cup holders. The Monterey Youth Group under the direction of Arnold Hayes stained the new book racks.

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payment, loader and police car) will mean another $1.00 to the rate. When final figures from the state are received and the considerable paper work of the tax cap is completed, and when approval of Boston is gained, the Board will announce the new tax rate.

Summer Dump Hours

Sunday 1-7
Monday 9-12
Tuesday closed
Wednesday 10-2
Thursday 6:30-8:30
Friday 10-12
Saturday 10-4

Library Hours

Monday 7-9
Tuesday 9:30-12
Wednesday 3-5
Thursday closed
Friday closed
Saturday 9:30-12, 7-9

Historical Society Wing

Saturday mornings until noon

Personal News

The community was saddened at the very sudden death of Vel Scheffy on July 2. A memorial service was held on Saturday, July 5 in the Monterey United Church of Christ. A service is also being held in Colorado at the home of Vel's parents. Lewis, Vel's husband, and several other of the Scheffy family will be attending that service as well.

Personal news must come largely from items that are sent to the Monterey News. Please send us news of your family.

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